

The pioneering spirit that underlies our success as a Nation will continue to flourish for as long as the small businessman remains the mainstay of our economy and our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 19, 1974, as Small Business Week. I ask all Americans to share with me during this week a deep pride in the many accomplishments of our Nation's small businessmen and women, and in the invaluable contribution they have made to our free way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4284

April 13, 1974

Pan American Day and Pan American Week

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On April 14, the United States will join in commemorating the establishment of the International Union of American Republics. The 84th anniversary of that event finds the United States and other members of the Organization of American States, the descendant of the International Union of American Republics, actively working together to fashion the Inter-American System into a constructive, cooperative force which will bring mutual understanding and mutual assistance.

We are moving toward this goal despite the diversity of our cultural heritages and national characteristics and despite tensions and differences which have occurred from time to time. We do this, knowing, as a former Secretary of State of the United States, Elihu Root, once said:

“There is not one of all our countries that cannot benefit the others; there is not one that will not gain by the prosperity, the peace and the happiness of all.”

The Americas of today are joined in the common effort to bring about progress and well-being for all so that those who follow us will enjoy the fruits of a new inter-American order based on justice, security, and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 14, 1974, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 14 and ending April 20 as Pan American Week, and I call upon the Governors of the fifty States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and appropriate officials of all other areas under the flag of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4285

April 16, 1974

Mother's Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Over three million children were born in the United States last year, and the job of guiding them to maturity will be carried out primarily by their mothers. There is no undertaking more challenging, no responsibility more awesome.

In addition to carrying out their family responsibilities, mothers are today, as never before, moving into other highly skilled jobs and careers. Barriers against equal opportunity for women have been disappearing rapidly, but we must remain diligent in our effort to remove them.

I am particularly pleased that this year we can celebrate Mother's Day in a world in which America is at peace, a world in which no American mother need fear for the well-being of a husband or son in a far-off land.

The Congress, by a joint resolution of May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 770),

36 USC 142.

designated the second Sunday of May each year as the day on which we